

## **SUMMARY OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WITHHOLDING PLAN**

- The withholding in the Department of Agriculture is \$1.8 million, which is 11.4 percent of the department's general revenue budget (8.6 percent of its reserve base). In addition, reappropriated funds will be withheld for a total plan of \$2.0 million.
- \$1.4 million for Ethanol incentive payments will be withheld. Remaining incentive payments this fiscal year total \$3.2 million, and total \$12.4 million since the program's inception. Producers not receiving payments this year will be eligible to receive them in the future.
- \$428,362 for personal services and operating expenditures will also be withheld. Seven vacant positions will remain unfilled and two positions will be transferred to other funds.
- \$195,163 of reappropriated funds for Single Purpose and Value Added Loan Guarantees will be withheld. This will reduce the department's ability to provide loan guarantees to small farmer entrepreneurs, but leaves \$165,165 for future loan guarantees.
- The Governor's withholding plan protected the Agri Missouri Program, which helps Missouri firms and farmers identify their products as Missouri-made. The Agri Missouri logo is rapidly becoming synonymous with quality at a fair price, allowing Missourians to support producers and processors by buying Missouri products.